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FOR: CASTING FILM FOR PRODUCING:
CERAMIC GREEN SHEET AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE
CASTING FILM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A casting film which is used for producing a ceramic green sheet and which comprises a substrate film and a cured layer formed thereon of an addition reaction type silicone composition containing a photosensitizer, wherein said cured layer is formed by heat-treating a layer of a photosensitizer-containing addition reaction type silicone composition in a coating amount expressed in terms of solid content in the range of 0.01 to 0.2 g/m² at a temperature in the range of 40 to 120°C, followed by a treatment with ultraviolet ray irradiation.

3. (Amended) The casting film for producing a ceramic green sheet according to Claim 1, wherein the addition reaction type silicone composition comprises polydimethylsiloxane having a vinyl group as a functional group.

4. (Amended) The casting film for producing a ceramic green sheet according to Claim 1, wherein the addition reaction type silicone composition comprises polydimethylsiloxane having a hexenyl group as a functional group.

5. (Amended) The casting film for producing a ceramic green sheet according to Claim 1, wherein the addition reaction type silicone composition comprises a mixture of polydimethylsiloxane having a hexenyl group as a functional group and polydimethylsiloxane having a vinyl group as a functional group.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are active in the present application. Claims 3-5 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claim 1 has been amended for clarity. Support for the amendments is found in the original claims. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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--1. (Amended) A casting film which is used for producing a ceramic green sheet and which comprises a substrate film and a cured layer formed thereon of an addition reaction type silicone composition containing a photosensitizer, [characterized in that] wherein said cured layer is formed by heat-treating a layer of a photosensitizer-containing addition reaction type silicone composition in a coating amount expressed in terms of solid content in the range of 0.01 to 0.2 g/m² at a temperature in the range of 40 to 120°C , followed by a treatment with ultraviolet ray irradiation.

3. (Amended) The casting film for producing a ceramic green sheet according to Claim 1[or 2], wherein the addition reaction type silicone composition comprises polydimethylsiloxane having a vinyl group as a functional group.

4. (Amended) The casting film for producing a ceramic green sheet according to Claim 1[or 2], wherein the addition reaction type silicone composition comprises polydimethylsiloxane having a hexenyl group as a functional group.

5. (Amended) The casting film for producing a ceramic green sheet according to Claim 1[or 2], wherein the addition reaction type silicone composition comprises a mixture

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